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SUBJECT: HONECKER VISIT: MULTILATERAL ASPECTS

GENEVA FOR CSCE

1. SUMMARY: THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING THE JUNE 5-8 VISIT OF SED FIRST SECRETARY ERICH HONECKER AT THE HEAD OF A PARTY-GOVERNMENT DELEGATION COVERS A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES. WE ARE REPORTING THE BILATERAL ASPECTS BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM. AMONG MAJOR MULTILATERAL TOPICS ADDRESSED, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS AND THE COMMUNIQUE ITSELF, WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DETENTE, CSCE, THE WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, WARSAW PACT

AND CEMA RELATIONSHIPS, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE, PUBLISHED JUNE 10 IN TRYBUNA LUDU, DEPICTS THE VISIT AS AN "EMPHATIC MANIFESTATION OF INTERNATIONAL TIES AND IDEOLOGICAL UNITY". IT EXPRESSES "FULL UNITY OF VIEWS AND POSITIONS ON ALL MATTERS DISCUSSED." THE INTRODUCTION TO ITS SECTION ON INTERNATIONAL TOPICS EMPHASIZES AS A "FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE" THE STRENGTHENING AROUND THE SOVIET UNION OF THE FRATERNAL SOCIALIST COMMUNITY WHICH REPRESENTS THE "MAIN BASTION" OF PEACE AND THE MAIN-STAY OF ALL PROGRESSIVE AND DEMOCRATIC FORCES. ALLUDING TO THE RECENT WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HERE, THE COMMUNIQUE REAFFIRMS THE TWO SIDES' DEDICATION TO STRENGTHENING THE PACT AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPROVE COOPERATION WITHIN CEMA. THIS INTRODUCTION ALSO EXPRESSES "DEEP RECOGNITION" OF THE EFFECTIVE PEACEFUL POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND PRAISE FOR BREZHNEV'S "HUGE CONTRIBUTION" TO ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

3. FRG RECOGNITION OF THE POSTWAR BOUNDARIES, THROUGH TREATIES CONCLUDED WITH THE EASTERN COUNTRIES, IS CITED AT THE OUTSET OF THE MAIN SECTION AS ONE OF THE FRUITS OF DETENTE AND OF THE ACTIVE PURSUIT OF COEXISTENCE BY THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THE PRL EXPRESSES FULL SUPPORT OF GDR POLICY IN SHAPING ITS RELATIONS WITH THE FRG, AND BOTH PARTIES REAFFIRM THEIR READINESS TO CONSOLIDATE FURTHER THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION WITH THE FRG.

4. THE LANGUAGE ON CSCE CONTAINS NO REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC TIMING OF A CONCLUDING PHASE. HOWEVER, BOTH SIDES "CONFIRM THEIR FIRM DESIRE FOR THE EARLIEST CONCLUSION" OF THE FINAL PHASE WHICH " MUST OCCUR IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL".

5. ALLUDING TO MBFR IN A SPEECH TO WARSAW CITIZENS AT A MEETING IN THE SALA KONGRESOWA ON JUNE 8, HONECKER CALLED FOR "COMPLEMENTING DETENTE IN THE MILITARY SPHERE." HOWEVER, THE COMMUNIQUE MERELY REITERATES THE STANDARD WARSAW PACT ADMONITION AGAINST SEEKING REDUCTIONS THAT WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISADVANTAGE THE SECURITY OF EITHER SIDE.

6. THE COMMUNIQUE'S FINAL SECTION DISCUSSES THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND ASSESSES PROGRESS ATTAINED SINCE THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE FIVE YEARS AGO. IT STRESSES THE GROWING "POLITICAL-IDEOLOGICAL UNITY" AND SOLIDARITY OF THE MOVEMENT, EXPRESSING DETERMINATION TO FIGHT OPPORTUNISM, REVISIONISM, NATIONALISM, ANTI-COMMUNISM, ANTI-SOVIETISM, AND ALL EFFORTS TO

WEAKEN THE MOVEMENT'S UNITY. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY AN ATTACK ON MAOISM FOR MANY OF THESE VERY SINS. FINALLY, THE COMMUNIQUE DECLARES THAT "CONDITIONS HAVE RIPENED FOR CALLING A EUROPEAN CONFERENCE AND BEGINNING PREPARATIONS" FOR A WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE. (IN HIS SPEECH TO THE JUNE 8 SALA KONGRESOWA GATHERING, GIEREK REMARKED THAT THE "VAST MAJORITY" OF PARTIES SUPPORT THE IDEA OF THE TWO CONFERENCES).

7. OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST INCLUDE RENEWED SUPPORT FOR MOSCOW'S ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SCHEME, REITERATION OF STANDARD LANGUAGE ON VIETNAM, SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREA'S POSITION ON KOREAN REUNIFICATION "WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE", SUPPORT OF THE THIRD WORLD AND POSITIONS TAKEN AT THE APRIL UNGA SESSION ON WORLD RESOURCES, APPROVAL OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL, AND A CONDEMNATION OF CHILEAN "FASCISM" COUPLED WITH AN APPEAL FOR THE RELEASE OF CHILEAN COP SECRETARY GENERAL CORVALAN AND URUGUAYAN COP FIRST SECRETARY ARISMENDI.

8. THE MIDDLE EAST IS COVERED ONLY BRIEFLY AND IN FAMILIAR TERMS. HOWEVER, THERE IS STATED SUPPORT OF SOVIET ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION. (UNDERSCORING THE SOVIET ROLE, TRYBUNA LUDU ON JUNE 9, COMMENTING ON THE PRESIDENT'S UPCOMING VISIT, CAUTIONED THAT U.S. POLICY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO PEACEFUL STABILIZATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IF IT "SUBORDINATES" ITSELF TO THE "PRIMARY RULES" OF DETENTE, MEANING FIRST OF ALL U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION.)

9. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN A STRIKING EMPHASIS ON "IDEOLOGICAL UNITY" DURING THIS VISIT. AS USED IN VARIOUS PUBLISHED SPEECHES, THE COMMUNIQUE, AND A RELATED "DECLARATION", THE CONCEPT EMBRACES NOT ONLY THE UNITY OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE PRL AND GDR BUT ALSO UNITY WITH AND AMONG THEIR SOCIALIST PARTNERS, AND IT ALSO APPARENTLY RELATES DIRECTLY TO THE QUESTION OF CALLING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EUROPEAN AND WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCES. HOWEVER, THE COMMUNIQUE STOPS SHORT OF A DIRECT CALL FOR SUCH CONFERENCES. MOREOVER, GIEREK'S REMARKS ABOUT THE "MAJORITY" OF PARTIES SUPPORTING THE IDEA OF A CONFERENCE SEEMS TO BE A REVEALING PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE OPPOSITION THE PROPOSAL STILL FACES. NEVERTHELESS, THE COMMUNIQUE CLEARLY INDICATES A DESIRE TO MAINTAIN SOME MOMENTUM BEHIND THE IDEA.

10. THE LANGUAGE ON CONCLUSION OF CSCE CONVEYS URGENCY BUT FAILS TO MENTION SPECIFIC TIMING, OR DEADLINES, E.G. "THE SUMMER OR JULY," AS HAD OCCASIONALLY BEEN EXPRESSED IN THE PRESS HERE ONLY A FEW MONTHS AGO.
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